FREE EAST TIMOR JAPAN COALITION

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Mr. Gareth Evans
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Canberra, Australia

Dear Sir:

We have followed with deep concern the news of negotiations between Australia and Indonesia to jointly develop the seabed resources in the Timor Gap. Your government is said to be preparing to finalize an agreement on this with Indonesia on December 11.

We condemn this agreement in the strongest terms as a gross violation of the most basic principles of international law.

The right to determine the use of the resources in the Timor Gap resides with the people of East Timor. To enter into an agreement with Indonesia, which is illegally occupying East Timor through sheer force of arms, to divide the riches of this area is to disgrace the honor of your own country and to set a reprehensible example to the world of "law of the jungle" international relations.

If your government chooses to go ahead with this unholy pact, we will join other organizations around the world in urging and supporting Portugese Government action to bring this illegal agreement before the International Court of Justice.

On this day, fourteen years after the brutal invasion of East Timor by Indonesian troops, we urge you to review the policy of your government to date on the East Timor issue and to initiate moves to facilitate a fundamental solution to the East Timor issue based on the withdrawal of Indonesian occupying forces and a fair and internationally acceptable act of self determination by the East Timorese people.

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